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SUBCHAPTER 12 FAM 020 BUREAU MANAGEMENT

MAJOR CHANGES

1. 12 FAM 020 has been enlarged to include the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's **revised** U.S. Department of State Deadly Force and Firearms Policy, approved by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on November 9, 1998 and received by the Department on November 20, 1998 (12 FAM 023 Exhibit 023), and effective as of that date.

2. The revised policy replaces State's I&P (Instructions and Procedures) regulations on deadly force and firearms that were approved by Attorney General Edwin Meese on April 17, 1986, and brings the Department of State into conformity with the uniform Department of Justice deadly force policy (Resolution 14). The revised policy also incorporates more recent legislative initiatives and clarifies previously ambiguous areas. Highlights include:

- A provision requiring issuance of child safety locking devices to Federal agents;
- A new disclosure requirement for agents concerning use of prescription medicines;
- Extended conditional carry authority for DSS special agents to 24-hours; and
- Establishment of strict accountability and fixed time limits for special agent requalification or familiarization firing when posted overseas.

3. A reference to the U.S. Information Agency has been removed as a result of its integration with the Department of State (12 FAM 022 Exhibit 022). Additionally, under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to International Broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting

Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.

4. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

5. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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